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Dear Harold:

The Chinese say to be careful what you wish for, you may get it! I once thought of going to UK to get a grad history degree, mainly so I would not have to move to Louisville and leave Betsy in Lexington.

Now, I am getting a doctorate in JFK just by being your friend! Man, it is like work! I guess if I am going to be an expert, you are going to make me learn something.

Why do I have to know anything? Most of the other "experts" don't!

I just received Epilogue 2 of Waketh. I found Epilogue 1, it was sitting on top of my copies of Waketh. I just reread the Cui Bono and How Wild is the Wild Blue Yonder chapters again. Pretty strong stuff.

My best friend Roger is a true expert on WWI and II and the military equipment used, also Custer's Last Stand and beer tray collecting and brewery history. I think Whitewash II has blown his mind. He can't figure out how three bullets caused so many holes. He also insists the neck wound cannot be from the front, but as I told him that is the doctor's opinion, not just mine! Sometimes the best arguments against the Warren Report is the evidence!

Another good friend Kent Speer bought me a copy of Whitewash at a yard sale, XXX a Dell first edition. He also gave me a copy of the Washington Post Lardner article that was printed in Indy. I shall send you copies of this and other stuff, like an article on the Frederick Brewing Co., but I left them at home in my hurry to get to court.

Court went well, the police officer gave us a break and another felony was reduced to a misdemeanor. I sometimes wonder if my clients realize how damn lucky they are that I can get these things done. Believe it or not, I have only had to plead one case to a felony, and it was a burglary where they stole a dollar change machine and were caught before they got across the parking lot! Sort of like the show American's Dumbest Criminals.

Dexter King did not get the publicity that I thought it would get, although I guess a 1 hour show in primetime is still a lot of PR. Sad that Pepper is so persuasive. Pepper is sort of another Mark Lane.

Speaking of which, when I was at your house last August, Dave Wrone said that he thought that there was some material on FBI surveillance of Lane. Have you heard any more about this?

I have not heard from Dal McGuirk yet. The book of Waketh should be arriving any day now, and he should have received the computer disk weeks ago. Dal is usually pretty good about writing me and telling me when he gets something. Have you heard anything?

As you know, I can't remember everything about everybody. Are you close to Dr. Gary Aguilar, and do you think he would want a copy of Waketh? Just wondering.

I read about your friends the printers, but I use my local boys because they give me good deals and I do some legal work for them. Sometimes don't even charge me.

I have not heard back from Legal Aid as far as if they have any interest in my speech as a fundraiser for them. The fellow I sent my letter to is probably the leading Socialist attorney in the state. He demonstrates in Stop the Klan rallies, etc. A few years ago, he got his FBI records, and the thing they seemed most interested in was the fact he organized the Free University! Seemed to bug them. I once taught a radical class at Free U at UK-- Fly fishing! Which is in fact a socialist activity which could have far reaching effect on the live bait industry!

From your letter about Greenpeace and the French murdering one of their members by blowing up their ship, it reminded me of a conservation story that has received little publicity, but has really helped Florida. Most indiscriminate netting has been stopped, and the shrimp trawlers have to stay off shore more. They were killing all the little red snapper, which live right outside the sandbar at Daytona. When they get bigger, they swim out to the reef, which is 25 miles offshore. When I last went fishing in Key West two years ago, the fishing had really improved, more little grouper, etc. The net ban has stopped the killing of millions of pounds of bait like mullet, and the fishing has really improved. So I hope I can get down there this year. Inedible Tarpon, for example, were once killed for photos, magnificent 6 foot long, 12 year old fish killed for nothing but another picture. Now, they have a \$50 kill tag, just like deer. So most are released.

Conservation is good economy. I tow a boat 1,300 miles to Key West to catch fish. How much money does that contribute to the Florida economy? A lot! Yet, I have not been on Kentucky Lake or Cumberland in years. Because I like to catch fish. And Florida has them.

I think the economy is healthier than it has been for 25 or 30 years. Wayne Supply has a record year going. Over \$200 million in sales for the first six months. When Reagan was president, we had one year that was only \$195 million. For the whole year. And yet, most machinery dealers are Republicans. And like Reagan. All I know, the Reagan recession was so bad Dad still refers to it as the "depression". And he lived through the big one in the 30's. So, give Clinton all the babes he needs as long as the economy keeps going.

When Dad was president, he used to try to get Caterpillar in using auto racing as a way to entertain customers. They told us it was too redneck, that their sophisticated customers were not interested. Now, Cat spends \$5 or \$6 million sponsoring race cars and taking customers to the races. We may be rednecks, but we know what contractors like!

Anyway. As you may know, there is a new bio of Earl Warren . One of my law profs reviewed it for the Courier. I will send you a copy.

I better let you go. Say HI to Lil and I hope your strength improves. Try drinking a little more water. Older people tend notto drink enough water.

Or, Frederick Brewing has a new product with Hemp seeds! I am not kidding. Maybe you should try some of that! You might not have more energy, but you won't care as much!

If you need any more health tips from an overweight hillbilly lawyer, give me a call. Take care. I shall send enclosures later this week.

Giving out plenty of advice but not taking any, I remain yours truly.

Bill

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Bill".